

# The SWORD of the LORD

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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## A Personal Testimony of Healing in Answer to Prayer

BY EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

Jesus said "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). There is a place for expounding the Word of God, but there is also a place for personal testimony. In Dr. A. J. Gordon's great book *The Ministry of Healing* are given many, many authenticated cases of marvelous answers to prayer for healing of the sick. Dr. John Roach Straton, late pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, gives some heartening and stirring examples of healing in answer to prayer, true stories, including his own, in his book of sermons, *Divine Healing in Scripture and Life*. Some of the most remarkable, miraculous healings are related by Dr. R. A. Torrey in his little book *Divine Healing*. Other marvelous healings are related in books and *China's Millions* published by the China Inland Mission. Even though we cannot agree with all the doctrinal teachings of men like Dr. Straton and Dr. A. B. Simpson, and with some evangelists now living who make much of public healing services, those familiar with them who love God and believe in answered prayer, will rejoice at their personal testimony of how God healed them in answer to prayer. Not all professed healings really happened, the facts have been greatly exaggerated about many cases, and there have been many hurtful things about the modern movement which has big public healing services. Ofttimes it has seemed a racket to make money and exalt man, and has left many Christians in despair, since they have been taught that it is their own fault they are not healed. Yet despite the failures of men, both in doctrine and life, there are many well known and blessed cases of healing, even miraculous healings,

in answer to prayer, and in them every child of God can rejoice and can take courage. The evidence is overwhelming that many have been miraculously healed. God is the same. Jesus Christ is the same. The testimony of millions is that God has, in loving compassion, answered their prayers for the healing of the sick.

So I can say, I too have seen the answer to my prayers for the healing of the sick. It is both a duty and a joy to tell it.

When I was a boy of about 14 my father was seriously sick. We lived in Dundee, a little cow-town in West Texas. Long strain had so seriously affected my father's health that a specialist in Fort Worth had told him he must be away from business and go to the mountains for months or he would die. The inevitable breakdown came, when he went on with his work, and he hung between life and death. The family physician called in the other local doctor; finally both said the case was without hope. One night they announced to my step-mother that my father would not live till morning; that there was no hope. I knew little about the Bible, although I had been saved. But I knew that God answered prayer. I think I may never have read James 5: 12-16. Certainly I had never heard a sermon nor read an article about Divine Healing. Yet my father was a devout, believing Christian, and I knew that he had often told of remarkable answers to prayer. As instinctively as a child asks his father or mother for food, I felt I must pray. I went out to the barn, and as I passed the buggy shed I heard a voice; I listened, and heard my sister, two years older than I, (Continued on page four)

## Old-Fashioned Revival Hour

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"Dear Friends: I realize, as I stand before the microphone on Sunday nights that there are countless listeners from Shanghai to Boston and from Alaska to Capetown, whose eternal destinies depend on the decisions made as a result of what they hear as I prayerfully search for words to make the way of salvation plain. At times I am overwhelmed with the responsibility and my knees are as water beneath me. I could not carry on without your prayers, for I feel the power of them. But I need your continued prayers that the Holy Spirit may have a clear channel that the Word may go forth in greater power. We know that God works as we pray and prayer will overcome Satan's hindrances, so I thank you for praying, and I ask more of you to pray faithfully as we go on taking advantage of this tremendous opportunity God has given us.

"He is mightily using this humble hour as a result of your prayers, (Continued on page four)

## Fruit Bearing

BY EVANGELIST CHARLES E. FULLER

(Preached on the Old-Fashioned Revival Hour Sunday night, October 26, 1941.)

Turn to the fifteenth chapter of John's gospel, please. This chapter talks about the vine and the branches, and how some of the branches wither and are burned up. And I want you to know that you can be a Christian and yet have your works, your fruit, burned up and have no reward for all eternity. I don't know a sadder fact as far as a Christian is concerned, than for him to stand before the judgment seat of Christ, be saved though as by fire, without any fruit or reward, without any trophy to lay at the Master's feet. You remember Christ came upon the fig tree one day when He was here upon earth. He saw a tree with lots of leaves and no doubt the leaves were green, and no doubt it was a thing of beauty to look on, but there was no fruit, and He cursed the fig tree.

Well, I want you to turn with me now to the fifteenth chapter of John and I will speak to you on the subject of fruit bearing. I want your fruit and your works, to abide. We will look at the first ten verses of John 15 where it says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." Oh, it is a wonderful chapter! I want you to see a little bit later the three occurrences of the word *fruit* just down the line here, *fruit, more fruit, and much fruit*. Yes, some thirty fold and some sixty and some an hundred fold.

Now please remember the setting of this chapter. Christ with His eleven disciples were at the last supper and the cross of Calvary was just ahead. And Christ speaking here, will you please note this, was not speaking to unsaved persons, nor speaking to a mixed audience of believers and unbelievers. He is speaking to His own, that is, to believers. If you bear this in mind, it will help you to understand the fifteenth chapter of the gospel of John. The central theme of this chapter is not the subject of salvation nor how salvation is obtained nor the danger of losing one's salvation as some read into these first ten verses. But the great theme is fruit bearing and the conditions of being fruitful, fruitful in spiritual matters.

Now the word *fruit* occurs eight times in this chapter, and in the



REV. CHARLES E. FULLER who preaches to millions

Word of God, eight is the number of a new beginning, a resurrection number. Christ arose on the eighth day. The number eight is associated with a new beginning. You take, Noah, the eighth person in the ark. Why there was a new beginning. You take in the gospel of John alone there are eight signs or miracles, and the eighth one is the miraculous draught of fishes. If you want to be a soul winner and bring forth the fish and catch the fish, you must have resurrection life. So the fifteenth chapter of the gospel of John is on resurrection grounds and only true believers, born again, new creations in Christ Jesus are here in view.

I want you to see this, "I am the true vine and my Father is the husbandman." Now Christ used this figure to set forth the relation which exists between Himself and His own while they are on the earth. A vine whose branches bear fruit is a living thing. So between Christ and His own there is a living connection. Paul speaks of it in Galatians. He said: "I have been crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20). Again in the sixth chapter of Romans it says, "If we have been planted together (or grafted in together) in the likeness of his (Continued on page two)

I HAVE JUST FOUND OUT THAT AS A CHRISTIAN, MY CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN. NOW WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT PAYING TAXES, VOTING, SALUTING THE FLAG OR GOING TO WAR?

THE SAME BIBLE ANSWERS....

WHUS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS.... GO AND SMITE AMELEK; AND UTTERLY DESTROY ALL THAT THEY HAVE AND SPARE THEM NOT. ISAM. 15:2-3

THEY THAT RECEIVED TRIBUTE MONEY CAME TO PETER, AND SAID, DOTH NOT YOUR MASTER PAY TRIBUTE? HE SAITH, YES. (JESUS SAID) THOU SHALT FIND A PIECE OF MONEY: THAT TAKE, AND GIVE UNTO THEM FOR ME AND THEE. MATT. 22:19-21

LET EVERY SOUL BE SUBJECT UNTO THE HIGHER POWERS, WHOSEVER THEREFORE RESISTETH THE POWER, RESISTETH THE ORDINANCE OF GOD: FOR FOR THIS CAUSE PAY YE TRIBUTE ALSO; FOR THEY ARE GOD'S MINISTERS, ATTENDING CONTINUALLY UPON THIS VERY THING. ROM. 13:1A, 2A, 6

SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO EVERY ORDINANCE OF MAN FOR THE LORD'S SAKE: WHETHER IT BE TO THE KING, AS SUPREME: FOR SO IS THE WILL OF GOD, THAT WITH WELL DOING YE MAY PUT TO SILENCE THE IGNORANCE OF FOOLISH MEN. 1PET. 2:13, 15

OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN

A FLAG WORTH LIVING UNDER IS A FLAG WORTH DEFENDING

## God Cares! Do We?

FORGET not that your first and principal business as a disciple of Christ is to give the Gospel to those who have it not. He who is not a missionary Christian will be missing Christian when the great day comes of bestowing the rewards of service. Therefore ask yourselves daily what the Lord would have you do in connection with the work of carrying the news of salvation to the perishing millions. Search carefully whether he would have you go yourself to the heathen, if you have the youth and fitness required for the work. Or, if you cannot go in person, inquire diligently what blood mortgage there is upon your property in the interest of Foreign Missions, how much you owe to the heathen because of what you owe to Christ for redeeming you with His precious blood. I warn you that it will go hard with you when your Lord comes to reckon with you, if He finds your wealth hoarded up in needless accumulations instead of being sacredly devoted to giving the Gospel to the lost.

—Dr. A. J. Gordon.



## FRUIT BEARING

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death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."

Back on the ranch here in Southern California when I was a youngster, I used to watch my father bud over trees. We had a certain part of the acreage in lemon stock and he wanted it changed over to Mediterranean Sweeties and later seedless grapefruit. It was wonderful to see how the grafting was done, how we take bud off from the grapefruit tree and place it into the trunk of the lemon stock and then bind it around with tape. And it was wonderful how it would change over into seedless grapefruit stock.

Listen, "Ye are the branches." There is that living connection between the vine and the branches.

And there is another word, *abide*, which occurs no less than fifteen times in these first ten verses. Abiding always has reference to fellowship, so only those who are born again can abide, for only born again ones are capable of having fellowship, that is communion, with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. And under the figure of the vine and the branches there is expressed the thought of oneness, of common right shared alike of true believers, of complete dependence of the branches upon the vine resulting in fruit bearing.

Three things I want you to mark down in these first ten verses, the three "r's" if you please. There are the three "r's" of education, well here are three "r's" of fruit bearing, and we are going to dwell on the first on this broadcast. First of all, in verses 1 to 3 there is the thought of *relationship*: "I am the vine, ye are the branches." My, what thought this is! And then there is the thought of *responsibility* in verse 4, twofold. I will not be able to speak on it in this broadcast, but here it is: "Abide in me, and my words abide in you," that is the responsibility. And then the results in verses 7 to 10, to bring forth not only fruit but more fruit and much fruit.

Now we will only have time to speak upon the first "r" in this section of God's Word, relationship. Now the thought relationship is expressed by two little words, "in me" in verse 2. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away." Now in those two words we have the great theme of relationship opened up to us. It is spoken of again in II Corinthians, Paul speaking there to the Corinthian church said, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation (or new creature): old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Cor. 5:17). And the great question that I want to put up before you as you are seated before the radio is this: "Are you in Christ?" Oh, some people count it a great honor to be in high society or to be in this clique or this fraternity or in this sorority organization or that organization, but I want to tell you those things are only for the temporal, for this earth. The great question is this: "Are you in Christ?"

Now there are two great general divisions of humanity, spiritually speaking, two relationships. And I want to make it plain to you, everyone: man, woman, boy, or girl, born into this world comes naturally under the head and in the head of Adam. By relationship he is in the federal head, Adam. And he is under condemnation, dead in trespasses and sin, walking according to the course of this age. He is by nature a child of wrath. And the natural man is dead spiritually speaking, and he is fulfilling the desires of the mind and of the flesh. Oh, there is such a thing as

the flower of the flesh, but it is still flesh, and the great question is this, how to get over into the new relationship in Christ Jesus. You are now, if you are in Adam, not born again, you are dead spiritually speaking. You are under the power of the realm of darkness. Now, how to be translated over into the kingdom of His dear Son? Simply this, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. And "As many as received him, to them gave he the right or power, or authority to become the sons of God" and the miracle of regeneration takes place and you become born again. "Except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" and "Ye must be born again." And the moment you are born again, God takes you out from under the power of darkness and translates you into the kingdom of His dear Son. And from that moment you are in a new relationship, you are in Christ Jesus.

In Adam you are devoid of eternal life, dead for time and eternity, without hope, and without Christ, and without God, afar off, alienated and cut off from the eternal life that is in Christ Jesus. But the moment you see your condition before God and accept Christ as your personal Saviour and receive Him by faith into your heart, you become a new creation in Christ Jesus and you enter into that new relationship in Christ. Being born again you become, as I said a moment ago, a new creation, no longer treated in God's sight as a sinner, but as a son, a member of the household of faith.

And let me drive home that there is no middle ground—you are either in Adam or you are in Christ. There is no half way measure. Church membership doesn't count the snap of your finger in reference to this. Whether you are a member of this organization or that organization doesn't count one iota. It is whether you are in Christ, and if you are in Christ, then you have passed from death unto life. Which shall it be, friend of mine? You are now in Adam by nature and by nature a child of wrath, deserving the wrath of God. And literally the wrath of God abides over you. And if you elect to stay in that relationship, then you will have to stand the wrath of God in your own person. But thank God, 1900 years ago the Lord Jesus went to the cross and God caused to strike upon Him your sin and my sin. If we elect to come under that substitutionary work and accept Him as our Saviour, then God sees us in Christ and we are passed from death unto life. Oh I want to make it plain to you. Now those two little words, in me, explain a three fold thought as follows: First of all, the sovereignty of Christ. Listen, if you are in Christ, why He has purchased you with His precious blood and you are no longer your own, you are bought with a price. And from the moment that you accept Him, Christ becomes King of kings and Lord of lords, and He is now your Shepherd and He will guide you as a companion down life's path way. The sovereignty of Christ—is He all in all to you? How about it?

Not only does it express the sovereignty of God, but those two words express the sufficiency of God. My favorite verse in Philippians 4:19—I should say one of them—"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." And as David the great king, a multimillionaire worth four or five, well, he was a billionaire I believe, and yet he said, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." And the Psalmist meant to say, "I shall not want any good thing." And how God will lead you into green pastures and beside the still waters, your cup running over, and surely goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life—the sufficiency of Christ. If you are in Christ—that is the secret—in Christ I have everything, all spiritual blessings in Christ, for time and eternity.

And listen to me, I don't have to run after any human teacher or human philosophy or any man's slant upon the Scripture. I go to Christ and Christ alone as my sufficient One and as the altogether lovely One.

And now perhaps some of you shy at this, but I believe it with all my heart. In these two words, in me, we have the thought of se-

curity. Not only the sovereignty of Christ and the sufficiency of Christ, but the security of Christ. He is the author and finisher of my faith, and He that hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ, and you will be kept by the power of God.

When Noah was in the ark, he didn't go on the outside and hold on to the railing and endure and by his own grit and gumption hold on in the waters of judgment. No. He was in the ark, in Christ Jesus, safe and secure from all the waters of judgment.

Three other things I want you to see in this relationship. It is beautiful. In those two words, in me, first of all there is the relationship of life. Oh, beloved, I hope I can get this across to you, I quoted a moment ago where Paul said, "The life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." "Not I, but Christ." Perhaps I can best illustrate it.

Back in the Old Testament, one day David and Jonathan entered into a blood covenant. They made, the Hebrew is cut, a cut covenant. What did they do? Jonathan slit the hand of David, and David took the same instrument and slit the hand of Jonathan and they joined hands together, their blood intermingled and they were buried with the exception of their heads. They entered into a blood covenant. Nothing could change it, nothing could disannul it. And one day Christ was pierced there upon the cross of Calvary. His hands were nailed there to the tree. And one day, thank God, in 1917 I heard the blessed gospel, and spiritually speaking the Holy Spirit, using the sharp two-edged sword of the Word cut my hand, and I became slain by the Word. I put my hand up and Jesus reached down and took my hand with that one that was pierced upon Calvary's cross. Now will you get it—He takes my sin, I take his life. And in Christ it is a relationship of life. Oh, I have new life divine. Thank God for the wonderful life that brings joy and peace and satisfaction, and I trust, the fruit of the Spirit. Lord Jesus, help men and women all over this land to come into that wonderful relationship in Christ Jesus and to bring forth fruit for His glory.

Not only that, but in verse 10 it is a relationship of love. Notice it: "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love." Listen to me, "if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Not only life, but it is a life of love, keeping His commandments. Faith without works is dead.

And then it is a relationship of labor, two fold. First that towards one's self, purging his vessel of those things that are contrary to God's will, being a vessel meet for the Master's use, and then there is a service, a labor of love to those round about us. Paul speaks of it in First Thessalonians. Oh He says: "I am not unmindful of your labor of love, how your faith is spoken of all abroad and your labor of love." Listen, God wants us to be active, bringing forth the fruits of righteousness for His glory, bringing forth good fruits. For that wisdom which is from above is first pure, then peaceable, and it brings forth good fruits. And the Word of God is given for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

And I want to say something to you: God, I believe, will curse a believer, that is, there will be a sin unto death, the body will be destroyed, unless he brings forth good works. There is something about that in the fifteenth chapter of John, how he takes every branch lifts it up, takes it home to glory. Say, what are you here for if you are not to bring forth good works? And you know, if you cease to be fruit bearing, there is no use of God spending any time upon you here on earth. He simply takes you home to glory. I am not saying that every one that has gone home to glory has gone home for that reason. Not that, don't misunderstand me. But oh, Christian, if you are in the world, living for things

## The Wickedness of Rejecting The Lord Jesus Christ

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John 3:18 — "He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Our Lord spoke these words to Nicodemus, the man to whom He also said, "Ye must be born again." Have you been born again? If not, you are not a Christian; you are still on the way to hell. If you are saved, it is because you have been born again. Somebody says, "I believe in God. I read the Bible and say prayers. I've joined the church and been baptized. I'm doing the best I can." Those things are good in their place, but they will not save you. There are going to be a lot of baptized church members in hell—people who were not born again before they went into eternity.

The Lord Jesus also told Nicodemus how he could be born again. He reminded him of the story of the serpent of brass, recorded in Numbers 21. Nicodemus knew that story well. The people were dying of the snake bites and God told Moses to make a serpent of brass, hang it on a pole, and every one who would look at that serpent of brass would be healed. Those who looked, lived; the rest died.

In the Bible, brass speaks of judgment. Our Lord went to the cross and suffered the wrath and judgment of God against sin. And now if you will trust the Lord Jesus for salvation, God will forgive your sins, and the promise is that you will never come into the condemnation of hell again, for our Lord said,

"... He that believeth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not into condemnation; but is passed from death into life" (John 5:24).

Reminding Nicodemus of the incident of the brazen serpent the Lord said, verse 14 and 15, of John 3.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." Our Lord was lifted up by man

of the world, watch out, watch out! You know God says, "Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you." And Paul prayed that he might not be a castaway, set aside, disannulled, not useable. I wonder, if you are not useable. Is God speaking to you, "Come back and be useable."

Let's bow our heads in prayer. Our Father, we have been speaking mainly to Christians tonight on this broadcast. Stir up every Sunday School teacher, Christian worker, church member and may they yield, be grafted in and yielded to thy will, planted, that they may bring forth fruits of righteousness. And then, Father, to those that are listening in that are unsaved, may they come to see Jesus as their personal Saviour, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world, and may they open their hearts by faith . . . we ask it in Thy name, Amen.

Friends, as we bring this message to a close, this is one of the most important portions of the entire broadcast.

Are you in Christ? If not, why not? Why not come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? He says the door is still open. "He that heareth my voice and cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." And I pray tonight that you may come into that relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ. And believer, Christian, if you have been fruitless, mixed up with the world, will you not just get down on your knees tonight before you go to bed and go to sleep, and ask God to cleanse you that you may abide in Him and His words abide in you that you may bring forth not only fruit, but more fruit, and much fruit?

on the cross, but He was also raised up from among the dead and lifted up, exalted by the Father to His right hand. Look to Him, the risen, glorified Man at God's right hand, and be saved. If you let God save you, you will never be condemned to hell again. Thank God, we who have received Christ are forever freed from the condemnation of hell, because our Lord bore all the condemnation that belonged to us, and since He was condemned in our place, our judgment is passed—forever. And that is why we read in Romans 8:1 these blessed words,

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus."

And now we hear these wonderful words, verses 16 and 17,

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved."

We come back to our text; "He that believeth on Him (that is, he that will look to the Lord, he that will accept Him as Lord and Saviour) IS NOT CONDEMNED."

You may have cursed and damned and taken God's holy Name in vain; you may have ridiculed Christians, made fun of preachers and sneered at the Bible; you may have been wicked and mean to your family, robbing them of the necessities of life by your boozing and carousing; your hands may run red with human blood; you may be guilty of murder and adultery; you may be guilty of the rankest blasphemy and of all the other sins known to man, but the moment you receive the Lord as your Lord and Saviour, that moment you stand before God UNCONDEMNED—as though you had never committed a single sin! That, my friend, is what God in His Grace does for guilty sinners. He not only forgives you, but gives you a new position in His sight; He sees you as you appear before Him clothed in His Son, with all the righteousness and holiness and perfection of the Lord Jesus Christ counted to you.

What About Those Who Refuse To Trust Christ?

We read on in this same verse as follows: "... but he that believeth not (that is, he that re-

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## The Wickedness of Rejecting Christ

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fuses to receive the Lord Jesus and goes on rejecting Him) IS CONDEMNED ALREADY."

You are either condemned or not condemned *already*—right now. Many say we will not know until the "judgment day" whether or not we are condemned. They believe that God is going to save us or send us to hell on the basis of how good or wicked we have been here on earth, and not until the day when the books are opened, will we know our fate. But God declares that you know it right now. If you receive the Lord Jesus, you are NOT condemned—right now, and if you reject Him you ARE condemned *already*—right now. You are either saved or lost *right now*.

Unsaved friend, do you know what that means? That means that over your guilty head hangs the wrath of God. You can be thankful that this is not the day of His wrath, but the day of His grace. But the day of judgment is coming for we read in Romans 2:5 and 6 of the

"Day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds."

Already condemned! That means that should your heart suddenly stop beating this moment and should you bow your head in death, that you would die in your condemnation, to be resurrected to stand before the Judge, the Lord Jesus, in your condemnation and to finally hear yourself sentenced to the lake of fire forever to spend

eternity separated from God forever in your condemnation.

### Why Are the Unsaved Condemned?

Why are men condemned? "because they have not believed on the Name of the only begotten Son of God." Not because of drunkenness, murder and other such sins—you don't have to commit sins like that to go to hell—but because of unbelief, refusing to receive the Lord Jesus.

His Name stands for whom He is and what He has done. He is the risen glorified exalted Lord at God's right hand, and this is the one who has by his death, resurrection and present work provided salvation for sinners.

If you reject Him, you despise Him who is Lord of all, and you also despise His sufferings and the agony of Calvary that he endured in your behalf. Oh what a sin it is, to treat Him with such contempt.

The sin that damns is the sin of refusing to trust Christ. That is what our Lord taught when He said,

"And when He (the Holy Spirit) is come He will reprove the world of sin . . . because they believe not on me" John 16:8-9).

You don't have to be a gangster or an operator of a white-slave ring to be condemned. The Christ-rejector is lost, even though he or she may teach a Sunday School class, sing in the choir or be a member of the board. Better be sure you have been born again.

### The Good Moral Man

Somebody says, "I don't need to receive Christ. I'm going to get by because of my good moral life." Will you let me say something to you? I say it kindly—if you insinuate that God is a liar when He says you need the Lord to save

you; if you turn a deaf ear to God's call and refuse to have anything to do with His Son who went all the way to Calvary and into judgment and death in your behalf—if you treat God's Son with such shameful neglect and go on in your rebellion against Him, then IN THE SIGHT OF GOD you have no morality to boast about.

You may be kind and loving to men, keep out of jail, join the Red Cross, give to charity and be good and moral in the sight of man, but remember this, you won't get to heaven because of how you appear to be in the sight of *men*, but as you appear in the sight of *God*. It isn't how you treat neighbors and relatives, that will determine where you will spend eternity, but HOW YOU TREAT THE SON OF GOD. No matter how nice and good men think you are, if you go on rebelling against the Lord Jesus, you are guilty before God of the most wicked sin a human being can commit. Sin is not only an *act*, it is an *attitude*. As long as you are guilty before God of rebellion against His Son, you are a wicked hell-deserving sinner in His sight, and you have no morality to trust in. You may be like those spoken of in Matt. 23:27-28,

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

We are not talking about how you appear in the sight of men, for remember, men look on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart. And while you may seem to be good and moral before men, God sees the wickedness of your heart which manifests itself in your rejection of the Lord Jesus. So in God's sight you are guilty of the soul-damning sin which sends men to hell.

Suppose my dear mother would come into this service—how I love her. She led me to the Saviour when I was just a boy. She prays for me continually. She dedicated me to the Lord before I was born. If she goes to heaven before I do she will leave me no bank account, no farms, no great possessions, but she will leave me the sacred memory of a godly, Bible reading, praying Christian mother—and that is the greatest treasure any preacher can have from his mother. In this tragic hour America would be a million times better off if she had less of the cigarette smoking, beer guzzling, dancing theater-gadding, card playing mothers who knowing nothing about God, and more who really know and are yielded to the Lord.

Well, suppose she would come in here right now and I would walk off this platform and say to her, "Mother, who sent for you? If we had wanted you around here we would have sent for you. Get out of here. We can't be bothered with you here," and then I'd shove her through the door, out into the cold. With tears streaming down her face and with breaking heart, she would stand out there and cry. About that time you would rise up in righteous indignation, and the next morning they'd find me hanging from the limb of a nearby oak. Now suppose I would treat my precious mother like that, and then brag about my morality, saying "I've never been in jail, I am good to my wife and I don't have any bad habits." Would you think I had any morality to boast about? What does God think of you when you say you are so good and moral when at the same time you are treating His Son with such shameful neglect, and rejection? It is a blot upon your so-called morality that marks you as a guilty wicked sinner.

Suppose I would commit some crime against you and the judge would sentence me to 25 stripes across the back. Now for the sake of the illustration, let us say that you can persuade the authorities to let you take the punishment in my stead. They turn me loose. You are stripped to the waist. The first terrible blow sends a surge of horrible pain through your body. Another blow and then another. Soon your back is one mass of quivering bleeding flesh. You lose consciousness.

Now I submit to you that if you, the one I sinned against, would do

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BY THE EDITOR

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BY LOLA BRADSHAW

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G—Q—  
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## A PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF HEALING IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

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weeping and begging God to spare our father. I went on to the barn, knelt down in a horse stall and prayed. I came back into the house, and in the "front room" I heard someone praying; it was my step-mother. I went to bed and to sleep with a calm assurance that the doctors were mistaken, and that my father would live.

The next morning my father opened his eyes and looked around him strangely. He had for days, as I recall, been either half-conscious or delirious. Now he sat up in bed, and said, "Where are my pants?"

My step-mother, half laughing, half crying, said "What do you want with your pants? You are sick; you must stay in bed."

"I am going to town," he said, "I am all right." And he would not be denied. He got up, dressed, and went to town, while my step-mother frantically called the doctors. After he returned to the house, the doctors saw him and marveled, said it was simply unreasonable, and went away dumbfounded!

Later my father went again to the specialist in Fort Worth, told him about the whole case. "Who was your doctor?" said the specialist. "Why a country doctor, Dr. Robinson," my father answered. The specialist then said my father was the luckiest man alive to have happened on such a physician, that not one doctor in a thousand could have done what that country doctor did; that if he ever had similar trouble he must go to that doctor, wherever he might be! But I know it was not that country doctor, but The Great Physician Himself, who healed my father in answer to prayer.

It now seems to me most remarkable; then, it seemed to me the most natural thing in the world that God should answer such prayers. In those days, with the people I knew, evolution was a joke, a man who doubted the Bible was a fool, God was real. I do not remember that I told anybody about our prayers; I think God let me hear my sister's and step-mother's prayers because He planned for me to tell it. How warm it makes my heart now to remember it! My father lived nearly twenty years longer to the glory of God.

In 1927 I had a daily broadcast on radio KFQB, Fort Worth. I began to preach on prayer, partly because it came naturally in a series of messages on the gospel of Luke, partly, I think, because I had gotten such a blessing from the little Moody Colportage book, *How to Pray* by Dr. R. A. Torrey. A woman in Oklahoma wrote me that her married daughter had been bitten by a spider and was desperately sick. Her life was despaired of; she had heard my radio messages, and felt led to ask me to pray for her daughter. I did pray. In a few days, two or three, I think, a letter came saying that the afternoon I prayed the sick woman suddenly felt well, got out of bed, and took up her house work. The decayed flesh had dropped out, from the poison, leaving a hole, but now, at once it began to heal. My heart was greatly blessed by this incident, and several others where God gave me faith to ask for sick people to be healed, and then wonderfully answered prayer.

After that my own older daughter, then five years old, had a sore throat. We carefully attended her at home, but when after a few days her throat seemed worse and fever ran to 105, we took her to our family doctor. He examined her throat, checked her temperature and pulse and gravely shook his head. "John," he said, "I am afraid it is diphtheria. Wait here till I see. He took a culture from her throat, smeared it on a glass slide, sent it to the laboratory in the same building. Soon the report came back that diphtheria germs were clearly present. It was an advanced case. The doctor gave the little girl diphtheria antitoxin, had our home reported to the health department and quarantined.

When we returned home and put the child to bed, I said to my wife; "I have been praying for other people and telling them that God answers prayer, and now I am going to pray for my own. I want to kneel by this bed and stay here till I have assurance from God that Grace will get well, and that

He has taken complete charge of the case." She said she would do the same. We knelt in prayer, reminding God of how we had given the child to Him when she was born, reminding Him of His promises, and telling Him that if He would heal her we would praise Him, would give Him the glory instead of the doctor, and would earnestly try to raise the child for Him. Soon I felt assured that God had heard and the answer was ours. My wife felt the same, so we rose from our knees, after thanking Him.

That afternoon the fever went down; that night or the next day it was gone entirely. Grace wanted to get up, and we would not let her. Then she asked to play with her dolls in bed, and they were given her. Now and then she would ask me, "Daddy am I still sick?" and I would have to say that I did not know—that I knew she would soon be well, and everything was all right, but I felt she should stay in bed till a doctor or nurse examined her. We sent for the health nurse to examine her to see whether we should be kept under quarantine. The nurse came, was puzzled, said the child seemed perfectly normal, but since it was a proven case of diphtheria we should keep her in bed and the house would be under quarantine till the doctor examined her. The doctor came in a day or so, said the danger was passed, the child seemed perfectly well. He had the quarantine lifted. I know that God healed my child in answer to our prayers. God may have used the doctor and medicine, I think He did, but it is certain that He could do it either with or without the doctor. I have never felt it dishonored God to use any means we could use in faith, if the dependence were on God. But God did the healing.

In 1931 I was in a tabernacle revival campaign in North Fort Worth, Texas. One night a young woman asked me to pray for an unsaved young woman friend who was in St. Joseph's hospital near death. She had quarrelled with her husband that day, took four bichloride of mercury tablets, in a glass of water, and now was expected to die. It had happened that day, she had been rushed to the hospital. We prayed that night; the next morning I was in that Catholic hospital to see her. (In Catholic hospitals it is often much easier to deal with the sick for Christ than in others). First I showed her that she needed a Saviour, and told her I would be willing to pray for her body if first she would trust Christ as her own Saviour. Soon she claimed Him, though desperately sick. Then I read to her God's Word about praying for the sick, and when she confessed her sin and promised to do right about her home if God would heal her, we prayed and I left. Outside the room I asked the nurse about her chances, and she said the doctor said there was no chance at all. I reminded her that God could do more than men dreamed, and she replied, "But you do not understand; even if the poison did not kill her, the lining of the stomach is destroyed and she could never digest food; she cannot get well."

I went away remembering the red rash over the sick woman's face, her heavy breathing, her humble turning to God, and I continued to pray. The next morning I saw her again, and the nurse said the doctors had decided there was one chance in a thousand. Loved ones had come from Oklahoma to see her before she died. The next time I called the doctors thought there might be one chance in ten. A day or two later they said there was an even chance that she would live. I went out of town for revival services, and when I returned, found that she was well, had gone home with her father and mother who had come to see her die! I understand that her home was re-established happily. God does answer prayer!

Again about 1931 in Fort Worth, Texas, a Mrs. Kelly called me by telephone, asked me if I would go to see a woman I remember as Mrs. Barnes and pray for her, anointing her with oil in the name of the Lord. I have her signed statement somewhere. I said that if it were the woman's own request, and if she were a Christian I would. I was reluctant about it

because I knew the fanaticism that sometimes accompanies praying for the sick. I do not recall that I had ever anointed anyone with oil before, but there it was in the Bible, and I could not explain it away as many do in unbelief. So I agreed.

When I arrived at the home a sign on the door said "Do not knock." The nurse was gone, so I stepped inside. In the bedroom lay Mrs. Barnes. I already knew that she was dying with tuberculosis. She spent two years in the state sanatorium for T. B. patients and then was sent home to die. Already arrangements had been made to give away the two little boys. Humanly speaking there was no hope. She had resisted the idea of having a preacher pray for her until the last, because she said that was not the way Baptists believed, but the fact that I was a Baptist preacher and that doctors gave no hope at all, led her to earnestly seek the Lord and ask for me, whom she had heard, I think, on the radio, to come to her home to pray for her.

She could barely whisper. I talked quietly about God's power, His willingness to answer prayer whenever it would honor His name, His blessed promises. Then I asked her several questions. 1. Did she know she was saved? 2. Was she willing to confess to God any sins He would bring to mind? 3. If God would heal her would she give her life to Him in consecration, and tell openly what He had done in healing her? To all these she answered in the affirmative. By this time the nurse had come in, and got for me a bottle of olive oil. I put oil upon the sick woman's forehead in the name of the Lord, reminded her that it represented the Holy Spirit Who lived in her body, and Who must heal her if she were to be healed. Then I quietly prayed, sitting by the bed. I felt peace in my heart and went away.

I was called out of town for two revival campaigns. A few months later I spoke in Fort Worth and after the service among those who came to greet me was Mrs. Kelly. She brought forward a fine looking woman and said, "You know this lady, don't you?" I did not and said so. Then Mrs. Kelly told me it was Mrs. Barnes for whom I had prayed about six months before. She was the picture of health. She told me she had felt immediately strengthened after I prayed for her, anointing her with oil in the name of the Lord. Within two weeks after that she was up and going about. Now she had been doing all her own housework, her children had been brought back home, she never had another indication of the tuberculosis which after a fight of years' duration had brought her to the door of death. She wept for joy as she told me how strong and well she was. Four years later I preached in Commerce, Texas, this woman was in the audience and came weeping as soon as I entered the building, to tell me God had wonderfully kept her well. Later she wrote me a lovely letter of testimony, which I still have. God simply kept His word that "The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up." I do not feel that there was any merit in what I did, except that it was simple obedience, and I believe that thousands of others can have as remarkable answers to prayer as that if they only obey God's simple command and pray for the sick, believing the Bible and giving God a chance. And ministers and elders of churches should be willing to anoint the sick with oil, where it is requested in the Bible manner, and where they can do it in the name of the Lord. Surprising and blessed results follow God's way, many times.

## Old-Fashioned Revival Hour

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## The Wickedness of Rejecting Christ

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that for me and then if I would refuse to have anything to do with you, if I would not speak to you, give you the cold shoulder, despise you and stoop so low as to treat you so mean as all that when I ought to be so grateful to you that I would do anything for you, and then if I would begin to brag on my morality, you would call me a liar. You would say, "Paul, no matter how good you are to everybody else, no matter how religious you may be, you have no goodness to talk about, the way you have spurned the one who suffered so for you." And you would be right. Now do you think God is going to count you fit for heaven because of your clean living, your honesty, your kindness to the neighbors, when at the same time you are guilty of spurning His Son who at such infinite cost and awful sufferings made possible your salvation? Think of the filthy kiss of Judas. Recall the crown of thorns, the purple robe, the many trials, the terrible brutal beating. Remember the howling mob, the sneers and the jeers. Remind yourself of the cruel nails that tore His flesh, and the hours of excruciating agony on the cross. Think also of the more piercing pain and suffering as His soul was made an offering for sin, when the Father forsook Him and when in the deepest anguish He cried "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" All this in your behalf, that He might provide salvation for you, and now you reject Him! What sin!

## The Christ-Rejector Is Guilty of Trampling Under Foot the Son of God

Do you know how wicked is the sin of rejecting the Lord Jesus? In the sight of God, it is as wicked as if you actually trampled on His Son. In the minds of most people Christ rejection is just some little sin that men commit without any serious consequences. But God looks upon it as a most serious crime which will certainly bring the offender into judgment. Mr., if you reject the Saviour, you are guilty before God of trampling upon Him. Do you think that is a sin? It most certainly is—a most vicious sin which hardens the heart and sends men into a Christless eternity.

Hear what God says in Hebrews 10:26,

"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins."

"If we sin wilfully"—some interpret this as referring to the saved, but applying this to the unsaved, let us see what it teaches—"if we sin wilfully"—that is, if, after you have seen that Christ is the only Saviour, and that His sacrifice alone is God's basis for taking away our sins, if after you see that and then you wilfully go on rejecting the Lord Jesus, there is no other sacrifice for sins—no other way to be saved.

The Jews of that day might have said, "We'll not have anything to do with this Jesus, or His sacrifice, but we'll bring our birds and animals to the Temple and sacrifice them to God and God will forgive us our sins." The writer of Hebrews says he'll do no such thing. If the Jews rejected Christ, they might kill all the animals and birds in Palestine, but their blood would not avail before God. Since the Lord Jesus gave Himself at Calvary all the other offerings were a thing of the past as far as God was concerned. It was either Christ or judgment.

Someone may say, "I won't admit I'm a sinner, and I won't accept God's Son, but I'll offer to God my good works. I reject Him and His sacrifice, but I'm going to be religious, and try to be an honest citizen, and I think that is sufficient." Oh, my poor deluded unsaved friend, listen to God. He says that no matter what else you do or what kind of an offering you bring to God, if you turn your back on the one and only Saviour and the one and only sacrifice for sin, THERE IS NO OTHER WAY to be saved. It is either Christ or judgment for you.

What then remains for those who will not take Christ? Verses 27 to 31,

"But a certain fearful look-

ing for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath TRODDEN UNDER FOOT THE SON OF GOD, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

For we know Him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, the Lord shall judge His people.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

It truly will be a fearful thing for you to fall into the hands of the living God, ESPECIALLY AFTER HAVING TRAMPLED UPON HIS SON.

When some of you were 15 years of age you rejected Christ perhaps for the first time. Now you are 50. That means that for 35 years you have been guilty before God of trampling His Son under your unholy feet.

Can't you see, my friend, that anybody guilty of such base ingratitude, such shameful, outrageous contempt for the Son of God is stripped of any morality before God? Is there anything decent or moral or manly about rejecting the Saviour? Are you not setting a bad example and exerting an evil influence over others?

We have sought to warn you. We love you. You have heard what the Bible has to say about Christ rejectors. They tread a path that leads to certain awful judgment. Your judge in the hour of judgment will be the Lord Jesus, the very One whom you had no time for here on earth.

Will you not say, "I have sinned against myself, my loved ones, and the Lord Jesus long enough. I'm guilty of trampling Him beneath my feet. For my sake as well as for the sake of others, I will yield myself to Him now, and trust Him to forgive me and save me."

Do that, my friend, receive Him this minute, and when you do, God will save, He will forgive, and in spite of your sin of trampling on the Lord Jesus these many years, the moment you receive Him as your Lord and Saviour, that moment, by the grace of God, you will stand before Him UNCONDEMNED!

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